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the maximum depth of water in the Old Petrol Basin at mean low water appeared not to exceed 28 feet,

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5. [ ] the economic situation appeared to have improved to some degree during the latter part of 1952. There were a number of articles offered for purchase but all were extremely expensive, particularly shoes. Food obtainable was of poor quality and in some instances impure. Meat and fresh vegetables were available for ship provisions; however, meat [ ] was "rotten." Drinking water was plentiful, but water pressure in oil loading area was very low, for approximately 12 hours were necessary to take [ ] 100 tons. [ ] the water pressure to be higher in other areas.
6. Port facilities were considered generally poor [ ] did not observe any new construction and [ ] new warehouses [ ] A floating dry dock of about five thousand tons capacity was said to be located at the position indicated by the figure (2) on overlay to HO Chart No 4197. [ ] the same ship was being repaired in the dry dock [ ] little progress appeared to have been made on her. Wood was loaded at the wharf indicated by the figure (3) on the overlay, and grain was loaded from granaries located at the position indicated by the figure (4). A large tank farm is located at the position indicated by the figure (6). The tank farm was under control of Russian officials, one being an engineer of the female sex. One official was said to have the duty of checking those in control of delivering the oil to see that they did not give more than the proper measure of oil. This check was made by measuring the oil level in the tanks at the farm.
7. Four naval vessels, flying the Rumanian flag, were said to have been moored at the position indicated by the figure (7) on overlay to HO Chart No 4197. Two were said to be about the size of a US destroyer escort, while the others appeared to be smaller patrol craft. The larger ships were described as having three or four stacks, medium caliber guns on the forward and after parts of their main decks, and torpedo tubes.
8. The Rumanian flag passenger vessels TRANSYLVANIA and BESSARABIA were observed at Constanta. In addition, a large number of non-Communist and a few Soviet merchant ships were present.
9. A heavy anti-aircraft gun emplacement was said to have been located at the position indicated by the figure (8) on overlay to HO Chart No 4197. Many other anti-aircraft gun emplacements were said to be located just west of the city of Constanta and along the coast both north and south of the port. On several occasions they engaged in practice, firing at a sleeve towed by an aircraft. At no time did they shoot down the sleeve, but their shells appeared to explode in the proximity of the target. There was also night target practice conducted with the aid of searchlights. The searchlights appeared to stay on the target quite well.
10. A few propeller driven aircraft were observed, but jet planes were said not to have been seen in the area.

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[ ] Comment [ ] The two larger naval vessels described in paragraph 7 of this report appear to be the MARASESTI and MARASTI, two old ex-Italian destroyers which have three stacks and torpedo tubes. The AA guns described in paragraph 9 of this report appear to be radar controlled because of the accuracy of the fire and the manner in which the searchlights remained on target.

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[ ] Available [ ] is an overlay to HO Chart No 4197, Plans in the Black Sea, referred to in the foregoing report.

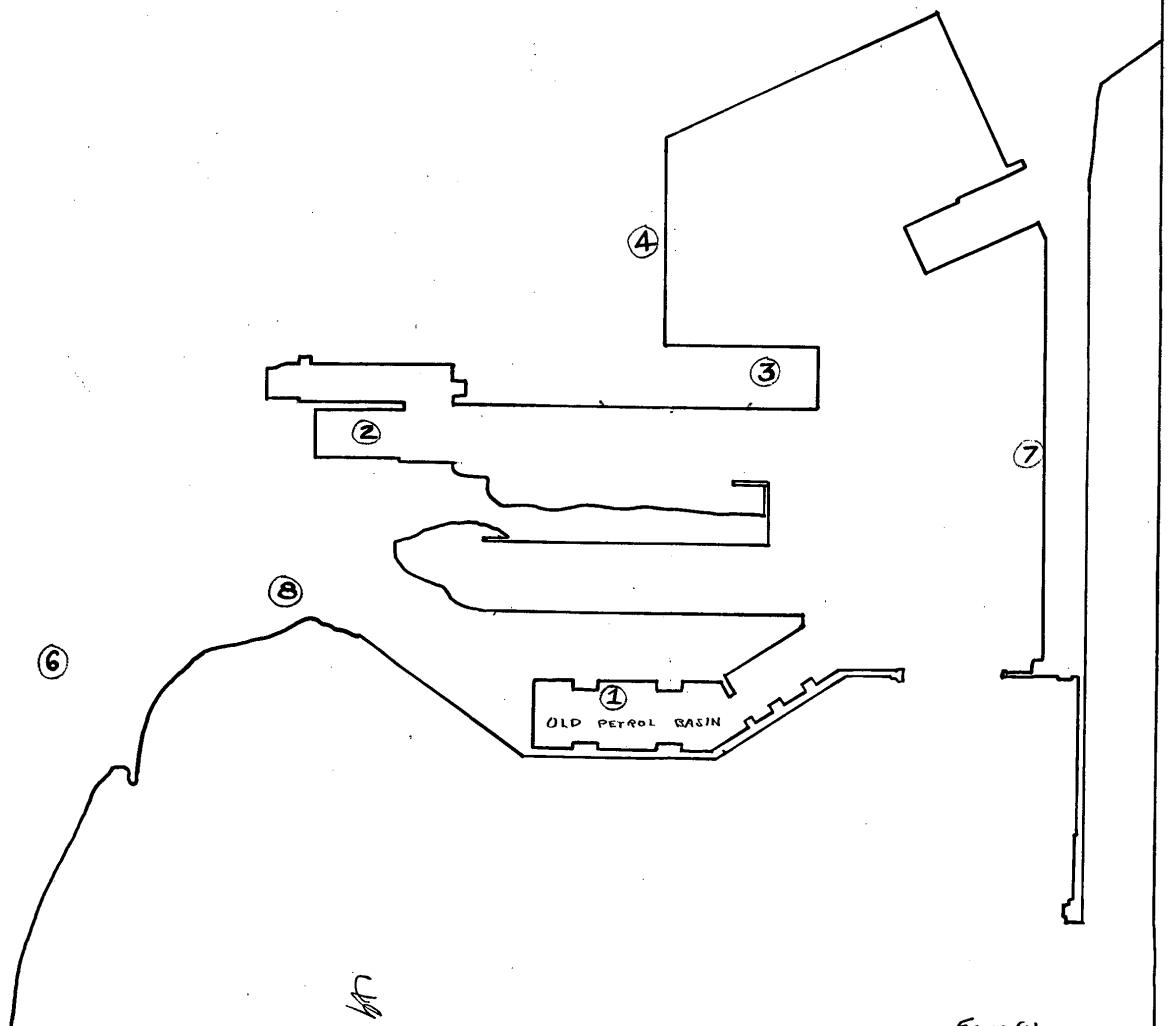
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 R. red, W. white, G. green, B. blue, and water (U) unwatched.  
 Illuminating lights are red and white unless otherwise indicated.  
 Lights are white unless colors are stated. Heights of lights are  
 above high water.

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